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Beltran informed me today military members Cabinet insist  
GOP break with Cuba and also request resignation Foreign  
Minister Porras.

Prado agreeable to break with Cuba but feels timing should  
be correct. He hopeful other LA country might be consider-  
ing same move in which case he would then act.

I informed Beltran if GOP desired reasons for Cuban break  
local activities of Cuban Embassy sufficient. He said  
Prado this week received O. K. from Priale APRA for Cuban  
break.

Prado equally reluctant take action on Porras for fear  
APRA repercussion. He wishes await proper opportunity.

I told Beltran Priale informed Embassy officer last night  
APRA would not end "convivencia" if Porras resigns (Embassy  
telegram 159).

If Department desirous having LA countries break with Cuba  
and believes Peruvian start would have chain results, I  
feel GOP ripe for action as administration feeling loss  
of prestige as result lack of leadership in recent MFM. And,  
there is strong sentiment in military against Cuba.

Beltran does not feel Porras will resign voluntarily. How-  
ever, there is some chance military Ministers may force  
Prado's hand or make Porras position in Cabinet untenable.

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